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No. 77 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 3
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SCIENTIFIC EXPLORATORY PERMIT – INFORMATION COLLECTION

APPLICANT:

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AREA, LAND TYPE AND LOCATION:

Tide and submerged land in the Pacific Ocean, offshore side middle Anacapa Island in the Channel Islands opposite East Fish Camp at the site of the wreck of the S. S. Winfield Scott.

LAND USE:

Archaeological survey and documentation of the wreck of the S.S. Winfield Scott.

PERMIT DURATION:

Permit Period : July and August 2000
Project Period: July 23 to August 5, 2000

CONSIDERATION:

The Public Benefit, pursuant to 2 Cal. Code Regs. 2003(a) (4) (A).

STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:

Public Resources Code Division 6, Public Lands, Parts 1 and 2; Division 13, Environmental Quality.

California Code of Regulations: Title 3. Division 3; Title 14, Div. 6.

PERMIT STREAMLINING ACT DEADLINE:

N/A

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. The proposed project will archaeologically document the wreck of the *Winfield Scott* through a detailed survey of the remains of its hull and machinery. Fieldwork is scheduled to be conducted between July 23

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and August 5, 2000, with adjustment for logistical and weather problems. The site which is normally covered by sand has been uncovered as a result of recent El Nino weather patterns and provides an ideal opportunity to study the remains of the vessel. Documentation of the remains is also important because the wreck is a popular recreational dive site and subject to destructive anchoring and careless divers potentially disturbing the remains.

2. Constructed in 1851 in New York, the Winfield Scott a 235 foot sidewheel steamer was lost on December 2, 1853 when it grounded just offshore of middle Anacapa Island. Construction plans for the ship have not survived so the physical remains offer the only opportunity to study and important mid-nineteenth century coastal packet steamer. Such steamers played an important role in the birth of California and it represents a typical Gold Rush steamship providing transportation for coastal passengers and freight.

3. There have been at least two previous formal archaeological examinations and preliminary documentations of the *Winfield Scott.* These have been done under the supervision of the National Park Service. Their purpose was to obtain documentation for National Register nomination.

4. The project will have no impact on the environment as the effort will be a non-disturbance study. Anchoring of the dive boat will be done away from the wreck on the sand bottom and there will be no impact on marine navigation as the site is close to shore and out of active shipping areas.

5. The Applicant will be the principal investigator on the project which will be conducted with the assistance of Frank J. Cantelas, staff archaeologist and a field instructor for the Maritime Studies Program at East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina. Archaeological information acquired from the project will be combined with historical research to complete the Applicant's master's thesis. Approximately four graduate students will work on the project along with the applicant.

6. The project area is within the Channel Islands National Park and the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary. Both agencies have granted their permission for the project. The Staff Archaeologist will

serve as the diving safety officer and all the participants are divers certified by the American Academy of Underwater Science.

7. The results of the project will be compiled in a fieldwork findings report and copies will be furnished to NPS, NOAA and the Commission.

8. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs. 15061), the staff has determined that this activity is exempt from the requirement of the CEQA as a categorically exempt project. The project is exempt under Class 6, Information Collection, 14 Cal. Code Regs. 15106 and 2 Cal. Code Regs. 2905 (e) (3).

9. This activity involves lands identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to P.R.C 6370, et seq. Based upon the staff's consultation with the persons nominating such lands and through the application review process, it is staff's opinion that the project, as proposed, is consistent with its use classification.

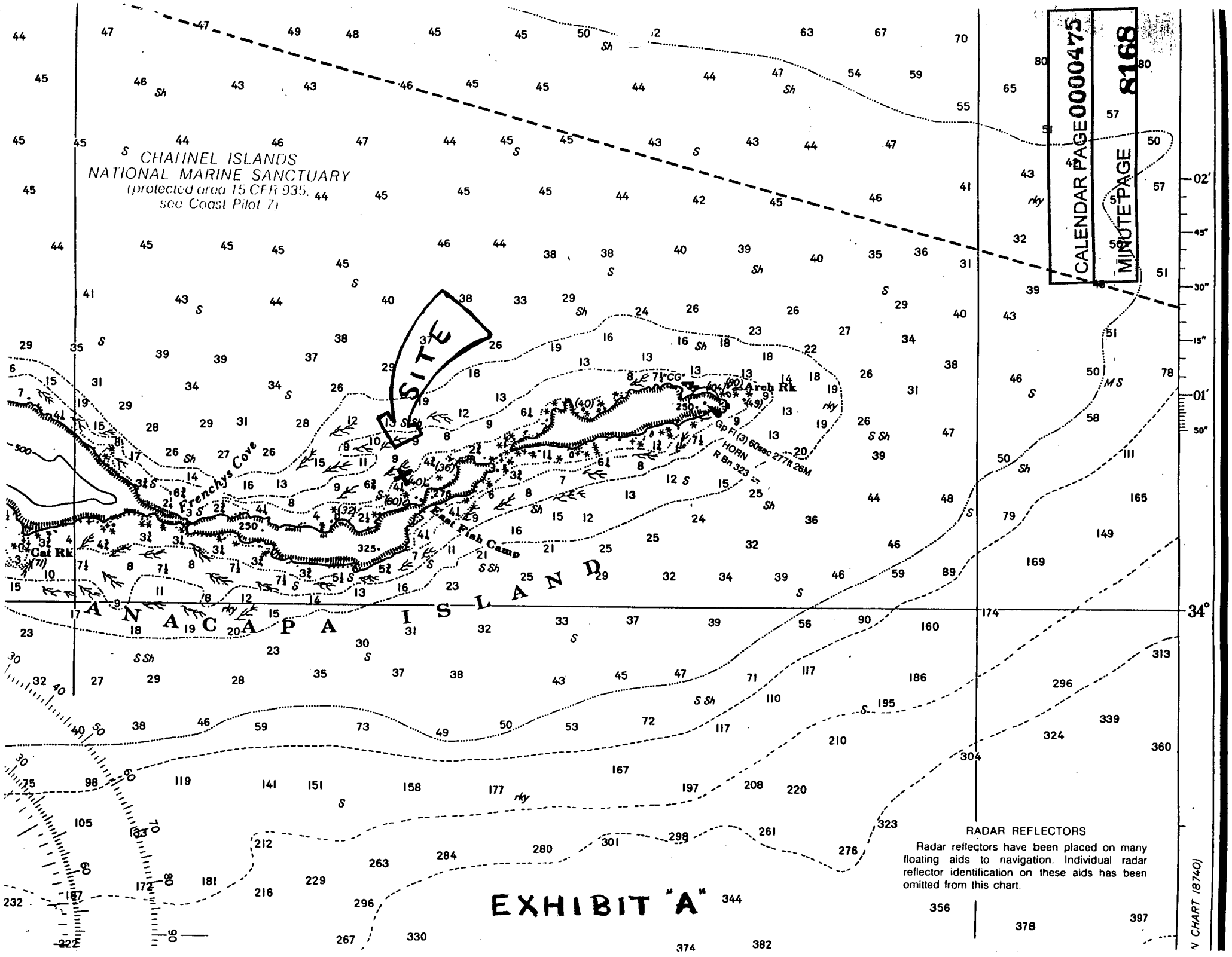
EXHIBIT:

A. Location Map

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO 14. CAL. CODE REGS. 15061 AS A CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT PROJECT, CLASS 6, INFORMATION COLLECTION, 14 CAL. CODE REGS. 15106, 2 CAL. CODE REGS. 2905 (e) (3).

2. AUTHORIZE STAFF TO ISSUE A SCIENTIFIC EXPLORATORY PERMIT INFORMATION COLLECTION, COMMENCING ON JULY 1, 2000 FOR A PERIOD OF 60 DAYS, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, FOR A NON-INTRUSIVE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF THE WRECK SITE OF THE WINFIELD SCOTT.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NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY
(protected area 15 CFR 935;
see Coast Pilot 7)
SITE
Frenchy's Cove
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RADAR REFLECTORS
Radar reflectors have been placed on many floating aids to navigation. Individual radar reflector identification on these aids has been omitted from this chart.
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